

What's on in the West

Wangaratta West Primary School Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 2nd November
Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 3rd November
Prep transition day #1

Thursday 18th November
Prep transition day #2

Tuesday 7th December
Step Up Day

Wednesday 8th December
West Fest

Tuesday 14th December
Grade 6 Graduation



TERM 4 WEEK 3 | 22.10.2021

We're Back

How nice it was to see our school full again today! We are feeling very grateful to be able to run at full capacity once again, and are loving seeing everyone happy to be back together again.

Parents/Carers on Site

As we now have a number of positive Covid-19 cases in Wangaratta, we kindly ask that parents/carers do not enter the school grounds unless absolutely necessary as of Monday 25th October. This is obviously not something that we want to implement, but unfortunately given the current situation, we feel it is in the best interests of our entire school community.

- If your child is particularly anxious, please contact myself or Danielle Ashmead so that we may establish a suitable plan. Please make contact prior to Monday, or meet one of the members of the leadership team at a gate and we will happily escort your child to their classroom.
- To make any payments, please call the office to pay over the phone or get the bank details wherever possible.
- If you are collecting your child from school outside of normal school hours, please park out the front and call the office. We will then send your child out to your car.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this

Lost Property

PLEASE remember to label all clothing items and lunchboxes/drink bottles etc. All named items will be returned to students and anything unnamed will be either put into the 2nd hand supplies or thrown away as our lost property is overflowing in unnamed items that have been there for a very long time.

A New Wang West Baby

We extend our most heartfelt congratulations to Lauren Peters and her family on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Harry who was born on the 26th of September. What beautiful news!

REMINDERS

Absences

Please text any absences to 0477 343 814 or call 5721 3491. It is a legal requirement that all absences are explained.

Signing Students In/Out

Please sign your child or children in and out at the office if they are arriving at school late or being picked up early. For early pick-ups, we ask that parents/carers please go directly to the office.

Late Arrivals

All classes (including specialist classes) will begin at 9:05am so we ask that students please make their way in to classrooms by 8:55am.

School Hours

Just a friendly reminder that staff supervision of students in the yard before school begins at 8:45am. Prior to this, all staff are in a staff briefing each morning and thus cannot monitor the yard. We understand that this timing may be difficult for some families which is why we have Out of School Hours care available each morning from 6:30am. Alternatively, should you wish to drop your child off before 8:45am, you may do so but please be aware that formal supervision is not available at this time and we recommend that students do not arrive before 8:30am.

Staff Correspondence

Staff can be contacted between 8:30am and 4:30pm on their working days. Out of hours contact may not be responded to until the following work day.

Medication

Just a reminder that if your child requires any medication to be administered during school hours, this must be handed to the front office, along with a signed Permission to Dispense Medication Form (available from the office). Please do not put medication in student bags, for their safety and that of other students. Medication must also be in a chemist labelled box (with the student's name, medication name, dose and time for administering). Medication is then stored in our first aid room. Please inform your child's teacher also via Seesaw so that they are aware of medication required. We thank you for your assistance with this.

Grounds Update

Our new turf for the area between the year 2 portables and the basketball courts will be arriving on November 1st so not long to wait now! It will be a great new addition to our school grounds (which are looking so beautiful).

Student Placement Requests

Just a reminder that any parent/carer requests need to be submitted to me via email by Friday 5th November. Please send all emails to kristy.keenan@education.vic.gov.au

Please note that we are unable to take any requests beyond this date as, once students are placed into grades, it is incredibly difficult to make changes.

Melbourne Cup

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Socks

We are receiving great reviews about the quality and look of our new socks (coming from staff and students who have snapped them up already) so don't forget to put your order in if you would like a pair or two.

PRINCIPAL'S

Award

Kaity F (5PR) for the incredible effort she puts into everything she does, particularly during remote learning. Thank you for hanging in there and continuing to give your absolute best at all times Kaity.

Masks

Just a reminder that, as previously communicated, students in Grade 3 and above are now required to wear face masks, and face masks are strongly recommended for students in Prep to Grade 2.

One of the most important and effective things we can do to help keep students in the classroom is to wear masks to help minimise COVID-19 transmission risk. When worn properly, masks can play an important role in reducing the transmission risks of Covid-19 that could happen from common activities in school.

For students in Grade 3 and above:

- Face masks will be required for all school students in Grade 3 and above indoors including at Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs, unless a lawful exception applies. Face masks can be removed while outdoors at school for primary students.
- For students with a disability, parents and carers should speak to the child's doctor or regular health professional about the best methods to encourage mask wearing. Students and parents can also contact the Disability Liaison Officer program for more information.
- Face masks are required for students in Year 3 to Year 6 unless an exception applies. Exceptions include students with a physical or mental disability where their disability means it would not be suitable. Parent/carers of a student/s who meet the criteria for an exception must provide their approval in writing for their child/ren to not wear a mask to the school.

We will try to maximise outdoor learning where possible and offer more recreation and breaks wherever practicable to further support students. Thank you again for all your support and we look very much to having all our students onsite full time as of this Friday.

House Captains

Congratulations to Archer, Isla, Kayden, Peyton, Jaxon, Claire, Jasmina and Brady who are our house captains for Term 4!



Headlice

We endeavour to keep our school as free from headlice as possible. As such, any student who has live headlice or eggs will be sent home for treatment. They can return as soon as the treatment has occurred but please remember that it is vital that bedding, hats, clothing and any other soft furnishing/teddies that your child has used need to be washed. If you require a treatment kit, please let the office know.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available online through Munch Monitor on Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays at first break (11.20am).

Bike Storage & Locks

We encourage our students to ride their bikes to school and would like to inform due to high numbers at the school now, we will require bikes to be stored in and out of the bike storage facility. Each student is required to have their own bike locks and are responsible for safely securing them to the bike racks.

Compass Parent Portal

If you haven't accessed the Compass Parent Portal please call into the office for your unique log in letter. This is vital for informing of student absences, emailing your child's teacher and accessing of student reports.

OSHC

All OSHC Queries/Bookings to 0407 004 059 or wangwestoshc@gmail.com

The Dirrawarra Indigenous Network invites you to attend the

DIRRAWARRA PROUD AND DEADLY AWARDS 2021

A celebration of the valuable contribution our young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students make towards their school and education

Thursday 28th October 2021, 11am,
online (link to the event to follow)

For more details please contact Sam Kirby on 0428 648 764

Dirrawarra





Woolworths Cricket Blast!

City Colts Cricket Club will be running Woolworths Blaster cricket program for season 2021/22.

Junior Blasters is for those junior cricketers who are either just starting out or have done only a season or two. As a guide Junior Blasters is suited to Preps – Grade 2. It is a fun session where everyone learns the skills of cricket and plays plenty of games.

Master Blasters is more game based and is for children who have played cricket for a couple of seasons but are not quite ready for underage junior competition.

Both sessions are run on a Friday night from 5.30pm at the Bill O'Callaghan Oval (Barr Reserve) under the direction of a Level 1 accredited coach. First session will be on Friday 22nd October.

Register via [Playcricket.com.au](https://playcricket.com.au), enter Wangaratta as location and select City Colts as the centre, or for more information please contact:



Ross Moore 0409 186 640 or rmmoore@esc.net.au





Coming soon to



Swan St, Wangaratta (in Wareena Park)

When

17th November - 8th December
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Time

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Student

OF THE WEEK

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| Prep M | Clara | For being so thoughtful and caring with your classmates, you are such a valuable member of Prep M! Keep up the great work! |
| Prep R | Dominic | For always impressing us by sharing interesting facts and using clever words. Thanks for improving our vocabulary, Dom, while still finding time to teach us the way of the Ninja! |
| | Charlotte | For the amazing way that she can share her learning with the class. Thank you for speaking up Charlotte and being so willing to have a go and explain what you are thinking. |
| 2SC | Amelliah | It is great to see the effort that you are putting into all your learning this term. You have started off with a bang! |
| | Archer | Well done on the effort you are putting into your maths. You are trying hard and not giving up! Awesome Archer! |
| 4B | Willow | For the dedication and effort she has shown throughout our remote learning this year. She always tries her best and her work reflects the pride she takes in her learning. She should be very proud of herself! |
| 4HH | Emma | For challenging herself during all writing sessions. Your ability to write with description is very impressive, Emma. We all love it when you read your work aloud! |

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